

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
EASTERN DIVISION

ANNE FRANCISCO and THURMAN  
FRANCISCO, parents, and TYLER  
FRANCISCO, son of JOSHUA  
FRANCISCO, deceased,

Plaintiffs,

v.

CORIZON HEALTH, INC., CORIZON, LLC,  
THOMAS VILLMER, GREGORY RHODES,  
KIMBERLY SCALLION, JASON  
ENGLAND, MICHAEL GRIFFIN, LISA  
SANDERSON, MOSES AMBILICHU, MARION  
MCINTYRE a/k/a M. KAY MCINTYRE,  
RAJENDRA GUPTA, DOES 1-10,  
DOES 11-20, and DOES 21-30,

Defendants.

Case No.

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

**COMPLAINT**

Come now Plaintiffs, by their attorney, and for their cause of action against defendants, state:

**Parties**

1. Anne Francisco and Thurman Francisco are the parents of Joshua Francisco. Tyler Francisco is the son of Joshua Francisco. Joshua Francisco committed suicide while an inmate at the Farmington Correctional Center on October 22, 2014. Plaintiffs file suit under the wrongful death statute and the survivorship statute for personal injuries occurring before death, on behalf of Joshua Francisco's estate and heirs, including his other child, the minor A.F.

2. Corizon Health, Inc., is a Delaware corporation with its principle place of business in Tennessee, and Corizon, LLC is a Missouri corporation with its principle place of business in Missouri (hereinafter collectively referenced as “Corizon”). At all relevant times, Defendant Corizon was hired by the State of Missouri and had a duty to provide mental health and medical services to inmates, including Joshua Francisco, at the Farmington Correctional Center. At all relevant times, Defendant Corizon acted through its agents and employees including, but not limited to, Lisa Sanderson, Moses Ambilichu, Rajendra Gupta, and/or Marion McIntyre. Defendant Corizon is liable for the acts of its agents and employees under the doctrine of respondeat superior.

3. Thomas Villmer was at all relevant times the Warden of the Farmington Correctional Center in which Joshua Francisco was incarcerated. Defendant was at all relevant times the chief policy maker of the Farmington Correctional Center in which Joshua Francisco was incarcerated. Upon information and belief, no later than October 7, 2014, Defendant Villmer received notice at a forced medication hearing for Joshua Francisco that he was suicidal and that staff recommended moving Francisco to the Social Rehabilitation Unit (SRU).

4. Defendant Gregory Rhodes was at all relevant times the Functional Unit Manager (FUM), responsible for supervision of the area of the Farmington Correctional Center in which Joshua Francisco was incarcerated. Defendant had notice that Joshua Francisco was suicidal prior to the completed suicide.

5. Defendant Kimberly Scallion was at all relevant times a CCMI, responsible for monitoring inmates, including Joshua Francisco. Defendant had notice that Joshua Francisco was suicidal prior to the completed suicide.

6. Defendant Jason England was at all relevant times a sergeant responsible for the area of the Farmington Correctional Center in which Joshua Francisco was incarcerated. Defendant had notice that Joshua Francisco was suicidal prior to the completed suicide.

7. Defendant Michael Griffin was at all relevant times a correctional officer in the area of the Farmington Correctional Center in which Joshua Francisco was incarcerated. Defendant had notice that Joshua Francisco was suicidal prior to the completed suicide.

8. Defendant Lisa Sanderson was at all relevant times Chief of Mental Health Services, responsible the mental health of inmates at the Farmington Correctional Center in which Joshua Francisco was incarcerated. Defendant Sanderson was either employed by or was an agent of Defendant Corizon and had notice that Joshua Francisco was suicidal prior to the completed suicide.

9. Defendant Moses Ambilichu, M.D. was at all relevant times a psychiatrist responsible the mental health of inmates at the Farmington Correctional Center in which Joshua Francisco was incarcerated. Defendant Ambilichu was either employed by or was an agent of Defendant Corizon and had notice that Joshua Francisco was suicidal prior to the completed suicide.

10. Defendant Marion McIntyre, Ph.D. a/k/a M. Kay McIntyre, was at all relevant times a psychologist responsible the mental health of inmates at the Farmington Correctional Center in which Joshua Francisco was incarcerated. Defendant McIntyre was either employed by or was an agent of Defendant Corizon and had notice that Joshua Francisco was suicidal prior to the completed suicide.

11. Defendant Rajendra Gupta, M.D. was at all relevant times a psychiatrist responsible the mental health of inmates at the Farmington Correctional Center in which Joshua Francisco was incarcerated. Defendant Gupta was either employed by or was an agent of Defendant Corizon and had notice that Joshua Francisco was suicidal prior to the completed suicide.

12. Defendants Does 1-10, along with Defendant Rhodes, are, upon information and belief, the persons responsible for supervising and/or failing to supervise defendants Scallion, England and Griffin in proper suicide risk recognition, intervention, and prevention.

13. Defendants Does 11-20, along with Defendant Sanderson, are, upon information and belief, the persons responsible for training and/or failing to train defendants Rhodes, Scallion, England and Griffin in proper suicide risk recognition, intervention, and prevention.

14. Defendants Does 21-30 are, upon information and belief, the policymakers for the Missouri Department of Corrections and/or the Farmington Correctional Center, along with Defendant Villmer, responsible for making an implementing policies and procedures for suicide risk recognition, intervention, and prevention.

15. At all relevant times Defendants, and each of them, acted under color of law, in the performance of official duties, by virtue of their authority as employees or agents of the Missouri Department of Corrections, and are sued in their individual capacities.

16. At all relevant times, Defendants conduct was not objectively reasonable in that Defendants knew or should have known that each were violating and did violate

Joshua Francisco's clearly established constitutional rights, as more fully set forth below.

### **Jurisdiction, Venue and Jury Demand**

17. Jurisdiction is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§1331 and 1343, and 42 U.S.C. §1983, to remedy violations committed by Defendants of Joshua Francisco's rights guaranteed by the Fifth, Eighth, and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States. Venue properly lies in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1391(b)(2), in that the events giving rise to the claims occurred within the Eastern District of Missouri, in St. Francois County. Plaintiff demands that this cause be tried to a jury.

### **Common Factual Allegations**

18. On or about January 10, 2011, Allison Francisco, Joshua Francisco's wife at the time, obtained a Judgment for a full Order of Protection that did not permit Joshua Francisco to abuse, stalk, molest, or communicate with Allison Francisco, Case no. 10SL-PN03967.

19. On or about May 16, 2011, Joshua Francisco plead guilty to three counts of misdemeanor violations of an Order of Protection, and was given a 12 month sentence, suspended execution. Case no. 10SL-CR09074.

20. On or about May 16, 2011, Joshua Francisco plead guilty to three felony counts of aggravated stalking, by parking outside his then wife's residence, had another person call his wife two times, sent her three emails, confronted her at a nail salon, and tried to call her collect. He was given a three-year sentence, suspended execution. He

also plead guilty to two counts of misdemeanor violations of the Order of Protection, and was given two years supervised probation. Case no. 10SL-CR09509.01

21. On February 29, 2012, a Judgment dissolving the marriage of Joshua and Allison Francisco was granted. Allison was given sole custody of their child A. F., Joshua was granted supervised visitation, and Joshua was ordered to pay child support.

22. In March 2013, Joshua Francisco was arrested and detained in the St. Louis County Jail. He was transferred to the Metropolitan Psychiatric Center (MPC).

23. In or about June 2013, while at MPC, Joshua Francisco attempted to call his ex-wife from the hospital telephone because he thought he was going to die and wanted to talk to his daughter.

24. On or about June 26, 2014, the St. Louis County Circuit Court revoked Joshua Francisco's probation and sentenced him to three years in prison, Case no. 10SL-CR09509-01, and he plead guilty to one count of aggravated stalking, Case no. 13SL-CR05959-01.

25. On or about July 2, 2014, Joshua Francisco was received in the Eastern Diagnostic, Reception and Correctional Center (ERDCC) "on high suicide risk" intervention status from the St. Louis County jail. St. Louis County reported that Francisco had "schizophrenia (rule out), anxiety, bipolar affective disorder (rule out), ... psychosis, ... suicidal intent" and that he was on Risperidone, an anti-psychotic, and benztropine mesylate for tremors. The intake at ERDCC noted that Francisco had a previous suicide attempt. A Suicide Intervention Report stated that a suicide smock was allowed for Francisco.

26. On or about July 2, 2014, Dr. Lindsey, a psychologist at ERDCC, placed Joshua Francisco on suicide watch and he was prescribed Zyprexa, an anti-psychotic medication. On or about July 7, 2014, Joshua Francisco was removed from suicide watch.

27. On or about July 22, 2014, Joshua Francisco was transferred to the Farmington Correctional Center.

28. Sometime prior to the incarceration of Joshua Francisco at the Farmington Correctional Center the State of Missouri contracted with Defendant Corizon to provide mental health and medical treatment for inmates. Defendant Corizon thereby assumed some of the constitutional duties of the State and state actors.

29. On or about July 30, 2014, a Qualified Mental Health Professional (QMHP) conducted an initial evaluation of Francisco in segregation. Joshua told her about his suicide attempt in 2011. It was noted from previous records that Joshua had stated that he was a "visionary of God, that he was Jesus and that the doctors and the government are trying to control his mind."

30. On or about July 31, 2014, Joshua Francisco was examined by Dr. Moses Ambilichu who noted paranoia and diagnosed schizoaffective disorder, bipolar type. Dr. Ambilichu considered administering involuntary medications.

31. On or about August 12, 2014, Joshua Francisco was evaluated by Dr. Rajendra Gupta. Francisco stated "I want somebody to put me to sleep. I am miserable." Dr. Gupta prescribed Perphenazine (an anti-psychotic), Trilafon (for schizophrenia) and Benztropine (tremors).

32. On or about August 22, 2014, custody staff reported to a QMHP that Francisco was in front of a medical unit walking around in circles saying he was going to die. He was placed on suicide watch status with a suicide smock.

33. On or about August 26, 2014, Dr. Marion McIntyre released Francisco from suicide watch to be returned to his assigned housing unit.

34. On or about August 27, 2014, QMHP Copp (Hahn) noted Francisco believed he had a blood disease from being injected with medications, became agitated and said "I'm fucking sick!" He asked to be euthanized stating that it was "better than this hell hole." He said his health was destroyed, that she might as well let him sleep.

35. On or about August 28, 2014, Francisco was again placed on suicide watch with a suicide smock. He was seen by Chris Rydeen who noted Francisco told his cellmate that he was going to jump off of the top walk in the housing unit.

36. On August 29, 2014, Francisco admitted to Dr. McIntyre that he had been asking if jumping off the top walk would be lethal. Francisco believed that he had been poisoned and admitted to thinking about self-harm the night before. He was continued on suicide watch status.

37. On August 30, 2014, Francisco told Dr. McIntyre that he was miserable and thinking about self-harm.

38. On September 3, 2014, Dr. McIntyre removed Francisco from suicide watch status because she said he had no thoughts of self-harm for 24 hours. Later that day Francisco was again placed on suicide watch Dr. Ambilichu for cutting himself with a broken light bulb. He was assessed as severely psychotic, had delusional thoughts and was not in touch with reality. He stated that he deserved to die. It was noted he had not



been eating or sleeping. Suicidal ideations were noted. Dr. Ambilichu said that he would pursue an involuntary medication hearing for injections of Haldol. Francisco was placed in a suicide smock.

39. On or about September 5, 2014, Dr. McIntyre noted Francisco said he wanted to die and his life is in shambles. He refused to take medication.

40. On September 6, 2014, Dr. McIntyre noted Francisco said he is dealing with a disaster, his life. He wished he was dead and wanted to be euthanized.

41. On September 10, 2014, Lisa Sanderson noted Francisco said he wanted to end his life and that he deserved to die.

42. On September 16, 2014, Dr. McIntyre noted Francisco refused to take a mattress because of bacteria and said he felt like there was "crap" coming out of his pores. Dr. McIntyre requested that Francisco shower. An Involuntary medication hearing was held and Francisco was placed on involuntary medication status.

43. On September 19, 2014, Dr. McIntyre released Francisco from suicide watch.

44. On September 24, 2014, QMHP Hahn completed an SRU referral for Francisco.

45. On September 25, 2014, Dr. Gupta prescribed Cogentin for Francisco's side effects and continued Haldol. Francisco told persons in the visiting room that Haldol was making him miserable and asked to be put out of his misery. He was returned to Housing Unit 9. Lisa Sanderson placed Francisco on suicide watch because he said he wished he was dead. Francisco was given a Conduct Violation because he had spit blood on the cell walls.

46. On September 29, 2014, Dr. McIntyre removed Francisco from suicide watch status.

47. On or about October 7, 2014, at a forced medication hearing, CCM I Kimberly Scallion told prison warden Villmer and Chief of Mental Health Services Lisa Sanderson that Francisco would be a good candidate for the SRU program.

48. On October 8, 2014, Dr. Ambilichu increased Francisco's Haldol injections to 100 mg IM q 4 weeks with Benadryl as he was "still psychotic" and Cogentin PO to 1mg HS. It was noted that Francisco's SRU referral was approved and his mental health score was raised to a 4.

49. On October 10, 2014, QMHP Tech Ashley Hahn denied Francisco's request to see a psychiatrist about his medication.

50. On October 16, 2014, Francisco again requested to see the psychiatrist about medications.

51. On or about October 16, 2014, the Administrative Segregation Committee released Francisco from segregation in the "suicide cell" in Housing Unit 5, C-wing, but he refused to leave, saying he was sick and suicidal. Francisco was given another Conduct Violation. Francisco was accepted in but had yet to be admitted to the SRU in Housing Unit 9 because the earliest a psychiatrist could see him was October 27, 2014. Francisco was then placed in Housing Unit 5 D-wing. CO 1 Sheldon Taylor expressed concerns to mental health staff Lisa Sanderson, Justin Ream, and Dr. McIntyre whether Francisco was ready to be removed from suicide watch since Francisco still appeared scared and paranoid.

52. On October 17, 2014, Dr. Gupta noted Francisco felt dizzy, was sweating, felt like "crap," thought he had a blood disease, and had anxiety. He was started on Buspar 15 milligrams for anxiety at bed time. The assessment was mood disorder with psychosis and depression with psychosis.

53. On or about October 20, 21, and 22, 2014, Offender Christopher Earnest, Joshua Francisco's cellmate, told CCMI Scallion, that Francisco was talking about suicide, killing himself, and that he needed help. CCMI Scallion asked Francisco and he denied wanting to hurt himself. CCMI Scallion told FUM Gregory Rhodes this information. They decided not to place Francisco in C-wing because Francisco would not say he was going to harm himself. CCMI Scallion believed that an offender had to verbalize he was suicidal before placing him on suicide watch. CCMI Scallion did not make a mental health referral for Francisco, even though it was usual to do so under these circumstances.

54. FUM Rhodes was told by CCMI Scallion that Francisco's cellmate Earnest was saying that a noose was found in Francisco's cell.

55. Offender Derek Bruce, housed in the cell adjacent to Francisco's cell, told an investigator that on or about October 21, 2014, he told COI Michael Griffin that Francisco said he was going to hang himself. Offender Bruce also told the investigator that he informed CCMI Scallion that Francisco was going to hurt himself.

56. On October 21, 2014, COI Michael Griffin was informed by both offender Christopher Earnest and offender Derek Bruce that Francisco was suicidal. COI Griffin knew that Francisco had been on suicide watch and close observation several times in the past. COI Griffin asked Francisco, who denied being suicidal. COI Griffin believed

he could not put an offender on suicide watch unless then offender stated he was suicidal.

57. On October 22, 2014, Francisco was given 10 days in disciplinary segregation for refusing to leave HU5 on October 16, 2014. Francisco was not eligible to return to HU 9 due to the pending conduct violation.

58. Offender Earnest told an investigator that on or about October 22, 2014, he told a Correctional Officer and a Sergeant that Francisco was talking about suicide, killing himself, and that he needed help. Offender Bruce told an investigator that he heard Francisco crying when he was speaking with the Sergeant.

59. On October 22, 2014, at about 11:15 a.m., COI Joseph Gooch, heard three or four offenders screaming that an offender in SD-12 “was going to kill himself.” Offender Earnest, told CO Gooch that Francisco was going to kill himself. In response CO Gooch restrained Offender Earnest to prepare to remove Francisco from the cell.

60. COI Michael Griffin told COI Gooch that Francisco never said the “magic words,” that he was going to kill himself, to the correctional officers, and the officers did not have to remove Francisco from the cell.

61. COI Darren Cook yelled over the intercom system that he did not want to open the cells for a door count at that time.

62. COII Sergeant Jason England came to the cell and observed Francisco crying and upset. COI Gooch told COII England that Francisco needed to be removed from the cell. Offender Earnest told England that Francisco was suicidal. COI Griffin told England that Francisco had been suicidal in the past. Francisco wanted to speak

with England but England told him he could not at that time. COII England decided not to remove Francisco from the cell because Francisco denied wanting to harm himself.

63. After COII England left Francisco, COII England met with FUM Greg Rhodes, who told England that Francisco was frequently on suicide watch and that England should keep watch on Francisco.

64. Offender Earnest told an investigator that on October 22, 2014, at around 8:00 p.m., recreation time began and he left their cell but Joshua Francisco remained therein.

65. Offender Earnest told an investigator that on October 22, 2014, when he returned to the cell, he found Joshua Francisco hanging from the light fixture. He reported this to COI Jeremy Jaco.

66. On October 22, 2014, at about 9:15 p.m., COI Jaco and COI Joseph Gilliam cut Francisco down, started CPR, and called a code. Nurse Felicia Giudicy responded and found Francisco lying on floor with no pulse. The AED was attempted but failed to administer an appropriate shock. The AED kept saying "check battery." Joshua Francisco was pronounced dead at 9:43 p.m.

67. FUM Rhodes was uncertain whether an inmate should be put on suicide watch if the inmate did not verbalize a suicidal intent but their actions warranted it. FUM Rhodes stated the failure to make a mental health referral for Francisco did not follow prison protocols.

68. Chief of Mental Health Services Lisa Sanderson stated that Francisco was "very, very mentally ill," "had some of the worse delusions I've seen in a long time," and "would routinely ask staff 'please kill me, please put me out of my misery, please

ethanize me.” She had seen only one other offender like Francisco and that other offender was in a Correctional Treatment Center (CTS) for a long time. However, Sanderson never recommended Francisco for the CTS.

69. FUM Rhodes, COI Griffin, CCMI Scallion, and COII England were found by prison officials to have violated Suicide Intervention Procedure no. 12-4.1 for failing to initiate Suicide Intervention Reports after being made aware of Francisco’s behavior and that Francisco was suicidal.

**Count 1: Deliberate Indifference – Denial of Care**

70. Plaintiffs incorporate the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 69 by reference as though fully set forth herein.

71. Joshua Francisco had serious medical needs arising from his diagnoses by medical professionals of paranoia, schizoaffective disorder-bipolar type, psychosis, delusional thoughts, and suicidal ideations, eventually requiring the involuntary administration of medications and for him frequently to be under suicide watch, and it was so obvious that even lay persons working in the prison including, but not limited to, Defendants Rhodes, England, Scallion, and Griffin would easily recognize the necessity for a medical or psychological professional’s attention in October 2014.

72. The behavior, actions and statements of Joshua Francisco, from his own mouth and from the mouth of others, provided actual knowledge to Defendants of a substantial risk that Joshua Francisco was harmful to himself and was suicidal as a result of his serious mental and psychological disorder.

73. Despite such actual knowledge, Defendants Rhodes, England, Scallion, and Griffin disregarded the substantial risk that Joshua Francisco was harmful to himself and

was suicidal by intentionally refusing or intentionally failing to take reasonable measures to deal with the problem including, but not limited to, necessary observation, mental health referral, removing from a regular cell and placing in a suicide-proof cell, and/or placing him on suicide watch on October 20, 21, and 22, 2014.

74. Despite such actual knowledge, Defendant Villmer and Defendants Corizon, Sanderson, Ambilichu, McIntyre, and/or Gupta disregarded the substantial risk that Joshua Francisco was harmful to himself and was suicidal by intentionally refusing or intentionally failing to take reasonable measures to deal with the problem including, but not limited to, ordering necessary observation, placing Francisco in the SRU, and/or sending Francisco to a proper medical facility or CTS for psychological care and treatment prior to October 20, 21, and 22, 2014.

75. Defendants' acts and omissions constituted a course of detainee suicide risk observation, recognition, intervention, and prevention so clearly inadequate as to amount to refusal to provide essential medical and psychological care to Joshua Francisco.

76. Defendants' acts and omissions were so blatantly inappropriate as to show evidence of deliberate indifference, intentional maltreatment and/or intentional refusal to provide appropriate observation, referrals, and/or treatment of Joshua Francisco.

77. Defendants thereby violated Joshua Francisco's rights to due process and equal protection of the laws under the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution.

78. Defendants' failure to provide necessary medical and psychological care and observation to Joshua Francisco constituted cruel and unusual punishment of Joshua

Francisco in violation of his rights under the Eighth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution.

79. The above actions of each of the Defendants, and their agents and/or employees, acting under color of their authority as employees and/or agents of the Missouri Department of Corrections, directly caused or contributed to cause Joshua Francisco's mental and psychological disorder to become more serious to the point that he attempted suicide and succeeded because of Defendants' failure to employ proper suicide risk observation, recognition, intervention, and prevention for Joshua Francisco, and Defendants' failure to properly request treatment of or treat Joshua Francisco with medicines, therapy, referral to the SRU, CTS or other outside healthcare facility, and/or eliminating the means to hang himself.

80. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's violations of Joshua Francisco's constitutional rights Joshua suffered physically, mentally and emotionally from the time of his incarceration until the time of death.

81. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's violations of Joshua Francisco's constitutional rights and his death, Plaintiffs suffered pecuniary losses, incurred funeral expenses, and lost the reasonable value of the services, consortium, companionship, comfort, instruction, guidance, counsel, training, and support of Joshua Francisco.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs prays for judgment against Defendants Corizon, Villmer, Rhodes, Scallion, England, Griffin, Sanderson, Ambilichu, McIntyre, and Gupta, for compensatory damages in a fair and reasonable amount, for attorneys' fees, for case expenses, for costs according to federal law, and for such further relief as is just.



## **Count 2: Failure to Supervise**

82. Plaintiffs incorporate the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 81 by reference as though fully set forth herein.

83. Defendants Rhodes and/or Does 1-10 are liable for the unconstitutional actions of Defendants Scallion, England, and Griffin due to the failure of Defendants Rhodes and/or Does 1-10 to supervise Defendants Scallion, England, and Griffin so as not to deprive inmates and detainees of their constitutional rights.

84. As a result of the failure of Defendants Rhodes and/or Does 1-10 to properly supervise prison employees, Defendants Scallion, England, and Griffin falsely believed that an inmate had to state to a correctional officer or other prison employee or agent that the inmate was suicidal before they could make a mental health referral or seek appropriate other treatment for the inmate.

85. Defendants Rhodes and/or Does 1-10 failure to provide adequate supervision to its agents and/or employees on the constitutional requirement to provide adequate and necessary medical and psychological care and observation to prisoners represents a deliberate indifference to the rights of persons with whom Defendants Scallion, England, and Griffin come into contact.

86. Defendants Rhodes and/or Does 1-10 knew that their agents and/or employees will be called upon to assess, observe, treat, and/or recommend for treatment prisoners with severe mental and psychological disorders.

87. Defendants Rhodes and/or Does 1-10 knew that their agents and/or employees, including defendants England, Scallion and Griffin, failed to provide adequate and necessary medical and psychological care and observation to prisoners

including, but not limited to, Francisco, who had expressed suicidal ideations, and condoned such failure.

88. Despite such knowledge, Defendants Rhodes and/or Does 1-10 failed to take sufficient remedial action by informing the employees and/or agents, including Defendants Scallion, England, and Griffin, that an inmate did not have to state the “magic words” himself before suicide intervention measures were taken.

89. If Defendants Rhodes and/or Does 1-10 had provided adequate and proper supervision to Defendants Scallion, England, and Griffin, those Defendants would have provided Joshua Francisco with adequate and necessary medical and psychological care and observation while he was incarcerated at the Farmington Correctional Center, and Francisco’s constitutional rights would not have been violated.

90. As a direct and proximate result of the constitutional violations by Defendants Rhodes and/or Does 1-10, and each of them, described above, Joshua Francisco endured great psychological pain and mental suffering for many weeks and committed suicide which caused a dangerous loss of oxygen to his brain thereby causing his death. That but for Defendants’ violations of Joshua Francisco’s constitutional rights, Joshua Francisco would not have suffered the severe complications of his psychological disorders, and committed suicide by hanging.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs prays for judgment against Defendants Rhodes and/or Does 1-10, for compensatory damages in a fair and reasonable amount, for attorneys’ fees, for case expenses, for costs according to federal law, and for such further relief as is just.

### **Count 3: Failure to Train**

91. Plaintiffs incorporate the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 90 by reference as though fully set forth herein.

92. Defendants Corizon, Sanderson and/or Does 11-20 are liable for the unconstitutional actions of Defendants Rhodes, Scallion, England, and Griffin, due to the failure of Defendants Corizon, Sanderson and/or Does 11-20 to train Defendants Rhodes, Scallion, England, and Griffin so as not to deprive inmates and detainees of their constitutional rights.

93. As a result of the failure of Defendants Corizon, Sanderson and/or Does 11-20 to properly train prison employees, Defendants Rhodes, Scallion, England, and Griffin falsely believed that an inmate himself had to state directly to a correctional officer or other prison employee or agent the “magic words,” that the inmate was suicidal, before they could make a mental health referral, remove an inmate from a regular cell and placing in a suicide-proof cell, and/or place an inmate on suicide watch.

94. Defendants Corizon, Sanderson and/or Does 11-20 failure to provide adequate training to its agents and/or employees on the constitutional requirement to provide adequate and necessary assessment, observation, mental health referrals, removal from a regular cell and placement in a suicide-proof cell, and/or placement on suicide watch, prisoners with severe mental and psychological disorders, represents a deliberate indifference to the rights of persons with whom Defendants Rhodes, Scallion, England, and Griffin come into contact.

95. Defendants Corizon, Sanderson and/or Does 11-20 knew that correctional staff would be called upon to assess, observe, make a mental health referral, remove

an inmate from a regular cell and place an inmate in a suicide-proof cell, and/or place an inmate on suicide watch, prisoners with severe mental and psychological disorders.

96. Defendants Corizon, Sanderson and/or Does 11-20 knew that correctional staff failed to assess, observe, make a mental health referrals, remove from a regular cell and place in a suicide-proof cell, and/or place on suicide watch, prisoners with severe mental and psychological disorders.

97. Defendants Corizon, Sanderson and/or Does 11-20 knew that the failure of the prison training program on when to make a suicide intervention was likely to result in the deprivation of constitutional right to adequate medical and psychological treatment for serious medical needs.

98. If Defendants Corizon, Sanderson and/or Does 11-20 had provided adequate and proper training to Defendants Rhodes, Scallion, England, and Griffin, those Defendants would have provided Joshua Francisco with adequate and necessary assessment, observation, mental health referrals, removal from a regular cell and placement in a suicide-proof cell, and/or placement on suicide watch while he was incarcerated at the Farmington Correctional Center.

99. As a direct and proximate result of the constitutional violations by Defendants Corizon, Sanderson and/or Does 11-20, and each of them, described above, Joshua Francisco endured great psychological pain and mental suffering for many weeks and committed suicide which caused a dangerous loss of oxygen to his brain thereby causing his death. That but for Defendants' violations of Joshua Francisco's constitutional rights, Joshua Francisco would not have suffered the severe complications of his psychological disorders, and committed suicide by hanging.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs prays for judgment against Defendants Corizon, Sanderson and/or Does 11-20, for compensatory damages in a fair and reasonable amount, for attorneys' fees, for case expenses, for costs according to federal law, and for such further relief as is just.

**Count 4: Custom, Practice or Policy**

100. Plaintiffs incorporate the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 99 by reference as though fully set forth herein.

101. The actions of Defendants Rhodes, Scallion, England, Griffin, Sanderson, Ambilichu, McIntyre, and Gupta, and each of them, were performed pursuant to a custom, policy, or practice formulated by Defendants Villmer and/or Does 21-30 and/or Corizon, and followed by Defendants Rhodes, Scallion, England, Griffin, Sanderson, Ambilichu, McIntyre, and Gupta, under which Defendants regularly failed to provide adequate and necessary inmate observation, psychological referrals, psychological care which has directly caused or contributed to cause death and/or serious injury to inmates.

102. As a result of the custom, practice or policy of Defendants Villmer and/or Does 21-30 and/or Corizon, Defendants Rhodes, Scallion, England, Griffin, and Sanderson falsely believed that an inmate had to state to a correctional officer or other prison employee or agent that the inmate was suicidal before they could make a mental health referral or seek appropriate other treatment for the inmate.

103. The custom, policy, or practice formulated by Defendants Villmer and/or Does 21-30 and/or Corizon, acting under color of their authority as employees and/or agents of the Missouri Department of Corrections, directly caused or contributed to

cause Joshua Francisco's mental and psychological disorder to become more serious to the point that he attempted suicide and succeeded because of Defendants' failure to employ proper observation of Joshua Francisco, and Defendants' failure to properly treat Joshua Francisco with medicines, therapy, reference to an outside healthcare facility, and/or eliminating the means to hang himself.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendants Villmer and/or Does 21-30 and/or Corizon, and each of them, for compensatory damages in a fair and reasonable amount, for attorneys' fees, for case expenses, for costs according to federal law, and for such further relief as is just.

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